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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In Chicago, prices were higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums. The market tone continued steady to firm with the larger sizes in the strongest position. Demand was in a full range of light to good, best where features were present. Fires and strikes on the West coast had shippers paying close attention in the Midwest. Supplies were adequate to instances tight for immediate trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were short to adequate for the moderate to good demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL EGG Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were 2 cents higher for large with the balance of prices unchanged. Trade sentiment remained fully steady to firm. Retail sales were in a full range of light to good, mostly moderate to good. Loose egg demand was seasonally moderate. Floor stocks were adequate to in close balance. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was good with offerings short of needs and many breakers reduced schedules as incoming spot loads of heavy nest runs were scarce as hen's teeth. Floor stocks balanced to close for reduced schedules. Trade sentiment fully steady to instances firm.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	89-98	92-95
LARGE	88-96	89-94
MEDIUM	84-92	87-89

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS

	RANGE
LARGE	74-78
MEDIUM	67-71
SMALL	43-47

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged, however asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending higher on the larger sizes. The market tone was fully steady entering the weekend. Demand was light to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to close for full trade needs. Breaking stock supplies were sufficient to short and demand was moderate to fairly good. Breaking schedules for next week were irregular. Spent hen offerings were usually about adequate for the moderate demand. Processing schedules for the upcoming week were reported as normal to less than normal.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	93-107	96-100
LARGE	89-104	94-98
MEDIUM	84-99	89-91

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail demand in a full range, light to good, best into areas where feature activity is a factor. Food service movement was moderate. Supplies were in balance to tight for all sizes.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	93.5-102	95-98
LARGE	91.5-100	93-96
MEDIUM	86.5-95	88-918

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged. The market tone was fully steady to firm entering the weekend. Demand was in a full range of light to good. Supplies were adequate to closely balanced for present needs. Breaking stock demand was moderate to fairly good for sufficient to short offerings. Light type hens were about adequate for the moderate, but unaggressive demand. Processing schedules were normal to less than normal for the upcoming week.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	90.25-104	98-101
LARGE	85.25-102	96-99
MEDIUM	77.25-97	90-94

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK EGGS Prices were unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Retail demand was moderate to fairly good, best where promotional activities were in progress or planned for next week. Supplies ranged adequate to close for trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	106-110
LARGE	104-108
MEDIUM	96-100

CHICAGO EGGS Prices for extra large and large increased 2 cents, mediums unchanged. The market tone was steady to firm. Demand into all outlets was light to moderate, instances good where features are a factor. Supplies of larger sized eggs close, lighter weight eggs mixed.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	97-103
LARGE	96-101
MEDIUM	90-97

WESTERN REGION EGG Prices unchanged. The market tone was fully steady to firm on the large sizes with asking prices for next week unchanged to 1 cent higher on jumbo, 2-3 cents higher on extra large, and 3 cents higher on large. Mediums were steady with asking prices unchanged. Retailer demand mainly moderate. Offerings adequate.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged. The market tone was fully steady to firm on the large sizes with asking prices for next week unchanged on jumbo, 2 cents higher on extra large, and 3 cents higher on large. Mediums and small were steady with asking prices unchanged. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings generally adequate. Small benchmark price 101. Ads noted in Southern California: smaller outlets – medium dozen 99.

CALIFORNIA California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	139
EXTRA LARGE	136
LARGE	127
MEDIUM	121

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	118-129
EXTRA LARGE	116-126
LARGE	114-117
MEDIUM	108-111

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	279-339
EXTRA LARGE	269-329
LARGE	229-289
MEDIUM	129-269

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Demand was good with offerings short of needs and many breakers reduced schedules as incoming spot loads of heavy nest runs were tight to non-existent. Floor stocks balanced to close. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm.

Prices paid, material exchanged, 30 dozen case equivalent, 48 lb, minimum net weight, delivered to breakers, cents per dozen.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	80-83	82
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	65-71	67
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Mostly prices were unchanged to slightly higher on nest run breaking stock when compared to early week's trading. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Offerings ranged sufficient to short for irregular breaking schedules. The undertone was fully steady to firm. Cases broken in the Eastern region for the week ending October 25, 2003 were 4% higher than the previous week, but 2% lower than the same week a year ago.

Prices paid, material exchanged, 30 dozen case equivalent, 48 lb. minimum net weight, delivered to breakers, cents per dozen.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	73-79.5	74-77
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	60-67	61-65
EASTERN REGION AREA:		
AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV		

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 25-Oct-03
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,206,006	31,193	10,139	5,575	2,198	4,041
PW	1,217,401	30,792	10,632	5,762	2,286	4,102
LY	1,190,127	29,978	9,999	5,364	2,364	4,201
% CHG PW	-1	1	-5	-3	-4	-1
% CHG LW	1	4	1	4	-7	-4
2003	50,242,084	1,226,512	457,365	248,889	101,956	180,134
2002	52,028,858	1,210,508	501,032	269,301	123,578	184,693
% CHG YTD	-3	1	-9	-8	-17	-2
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -			CW	PW	LY	
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)			42.24	42.13	41.63	
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)			38.89	38.76	38.10	

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 81.5 to 91 cents fob, mostly 84 to 85 cents fob with pasteurized whites reported at 64 cents fob. Trade sentiment was firm for whole egg, fully steady for whites, and steady with caution noted on yolk. Demand was aggressive for whole egg, fairly good for whites and moderate to occasionally fairly good for yolk. Most liquid emphasis had shifted towards whole egg with attitudes on yolk values settling as this occurred. Offerings were generally adequate for all products. Breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared to the previous week.

	CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE		13	68-72	70.08	1.26
WHITES		6	57-65	58.33	.67
YOLKS		8	80-83	82.25	-.42

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Mostly prices were higher on whites, unchanged to higher on whole, and irregular but about unchanged on yolks when compared to the previous week's trading. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on whites, fully steady on whole and mixed to about steady on yolks. Offerings of yolk were sufficient, with balance of items short to about adequate for trade needs. Demand was moderate but not aggressive. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending October 25, 2003 were 3% more than the previous week, and last year.

	TRUCKLOTS (MIN.25 CONT.)		LT RANGE
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	76-84	78-81	86-90
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		93-110
WHITES	68-72	69-71	74-79
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	98-105	99-103	106-115
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	95-100	97-99	102-110

(/) - whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids.

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg and sugared yolk prices ranged irregular with whites and salted yolk unchanged to 1 cent higher. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady for whole egg and whites and mostly steady for sugared and salted yolk. Most processors continued to reduce the amount of separated product produced and were focusing on contractual liquid whole egg concerns. Spot loads of breaking stock were very limited. Offerings were usually adequate and confidently held. Breaking stock prices were unchanged.

wholesale selling prices (cents per pound in 30 lb containers)

	TRUCKLOTS	
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	79-81	79-80
WHITES	68-73	70-72
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	101-104	101-102
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	97-100	99

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices were 1 cent higher on whites, unchanged on whole and yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 10/25 was 6% more than the previous week. Frozen demand moderate with freezer stocks in good balance.

wholesale selling prices, fob shipping point (cents per pound in 30 lb containers)

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE
WHOLE	85-88
WHITES	74-77
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	106-109
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	103-106

NATIONAL DRIED EGG REPORT Prices were unchanged to higher on albumen and whole, with majority prices unchanged on yolks and blends when compared to a week earlier. The market tone was fully steady to firm on albumen, fully steady on whole, and barely steady on yolks. Albumen offerings remain short with trucklot trading limited, supplies of whole were barely adequate for immediate needs, and yolks were generally sufficient. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending October 25, 2003 were 4% less than the previous week, and 7% less than last year. The total year to date dried egg produced was 17% lower than a year earlier.

wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb, in cont., trucklot & less-than-trucklot volumes.

WHOLE	2.95-3.40	MOSTLY 3.10-3.20
YOLKS	2.10-2.35	MOSTLY 2.15-2.25
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	4.98-5.65	MOSTLY 5.20-5.50
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	2.00-2.20	MOSTLY 2.10-2.15

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR OCT 24, 2003-OCT 30, 2003**CURRENT LOADS** 60.50**FUTURE LOADS** 64.00**TOTAL LOADS** 124.50

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	80.00	96.00	83.13	85.11	87.00	—	16.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	72.00	74.50	4.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50
GL W J	—	—	—	—	84.00	—	2.00
GL W XL	—	94.00	89.13	91.20	86.80	—	32.25
GL W LG	—	95.70	84.00	89.74	85.20	90.00	38.50
GL W MD	—	—	80.50	81.87	—	82.00	11.75
GL W SM	—	—	58.50	60.00	56.00	60.50	5.00
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	80.00	87.00	.50
GL BR MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	82.00	1.75
NRBS - 48	—	79.50	—	—	81.00	82.00	28.75
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	76.00	.75
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	72.00	.25
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00

	SC		NW		SW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50
GL W J	88.00	99.00	—	—	—	95.42	3.50
GL W XL	87.33	94.00	90.00	—	—	95.00	12.75
GL W LG	86.00	91.90	89.00	—	—	95.20	21.25
GL W MD	76.00	—	—	—	—	83.88	8.00
GL W SM	57.00	—	—	—	—	62.00	1.00
GL BR MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL
WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS
(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER
CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Values were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Offerings of spent fowl were limited, but usually about adequate for normal to less than normal processing schedules. Demand was moderate but unaggressive. Opinions on removal cost were generally steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-12	10-11

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Disposal costs were unchanged from the past week. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings. Finished sales were moderate. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to last week. Demand was mostly good with offerings continuing tight to unavailable with processing schedules reduced. Opinions of value were steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	3-12.5	10-12.25

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants schedules moderate. Offerings adequate.

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL

AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	98.00	96.00	90.00
SOUTHEAST	99.50	97.50	92.00
MIDWEST	93.50	91.50	88.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	96.50	94.50	89.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	96.82	94.82	89.83

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majority prices were unchanged on both heavy and light canners when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate but most traders were unaggressive. Trading was light, however available offerings were clearing. Processing schedules were less than normal. The undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
20-26 MAJORITY 23-23.75	29-36 MAJORITY 34-35

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
22-27 MAJORITY 25.5-26	31.5-38 MAJORITY 35-37

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 25-Oct-03
(PRELIMINARY)

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,137	1,383	2,520
LAST WEEK	1,164	1,378	2,542
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,842	1,530	3,372
TO-DATE/2003	62,617	60,306	122,923
TO-DATE/2002	75,661	60,753	136,414

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	100	4	104
LAST WEEK	92	0	92
SAME WEEK YR AGO	212	7	219
TO-DATE/2003	9,820	141	9,961
TO-DATE/2002	13,224	265	13,489

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	1,237	1,387	2,624
LAST WEEK	1,256	1,378	2,634
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,054	1,537	3,591
TO-DATE/2003	72,437	60,447	132,884
TO-DATE/2002	88,885	61,018	149,903

SOURCE: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch
Washington, DC

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending October 18, 2003		Year-To-Date		
	2003	2002/1	2003	2002
Liquid	311	553	13,836	16,640
Frozen	0	0	96	21
Dried	0	0	438	754
Total	311	553	14,370	17,415

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending October 18, 2003		Year-To-Date		
	2003	2002/1	2003	2002
Liquid	121	70	4,902	5,276
Frozen	91	5	3,033	2,932
Dried	80	120	1,104	4,414
Total	292	195	9,039	12,622

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending October 18, 2003		Year-To-Date		
	2003	2002 /1	2003	2002
Jumbo	17	0	387	1,307
Extra Large	1,790	2,275	25,532	34,920
Large	5,770	4,342	97,575	120,370
Medium	870	750	52,328	41,593
Ungraded	6,610	7,620	152,298	290,705
Misc	0	0	13,862	14,017
Total	15,057	14,987	341,982	502,912

Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - (INCL GOVT STOCKS)

SELECTED STGE CENTERS (IN THOUSANDS)		FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM	10/27/03	3,561	189,245	48,238
AM	10/01/03	5,164	205,956	49,344
CHG		-1603	-16711	-1106
PCT CHG		-31%	-8%	-2%

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 25-Oct-03

SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT CHG	
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANDS		PW	LY
ATLANTA	23.8	24.9	-4	6
BOSTON	3.6	3.0	20	0
CHICAGO	49.4	46.6	6	18
DETROIT	27.8	26.7	4	17
KANSAS CITY	2.5	8.2	-70	-51
LOS ANGELES	94.3	91.6	3	10
NEW ORLEANS	6.4	9.2	-30	-35
NEW YORK	28.6	27.3	5	-15
ST. LOUIS	17.5	15.4	14	15
SAN FRANCISCO	22.2	22.7	-2	-1
TOTAL	276.1	275.6	0	5
4 WK MVG AVG	279.1			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

W/E 25-Oct-03

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	211.5	-2	-9
E.N. CENTRAL	540.1	0	-1
W.N. CENTRAL	280.0	2	5
S. ATLANTIC	183.8	-2	11
S. CENTRAL	112.3	5	25
WEST	192.2	4	3
TOTAL	1519.9	1	2
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		86	86

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT

Oct 28, 2003

PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	145	141	109	81
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	137-141	134-138	102-106	73-77
MOSTLY	139-140	136-137	104-105	75-76
RHODE ISLAND	144-148	140-144	108-112	80-84
MOSTLY	144	140	108	80
VERMONT	145-148	141-144	109-112	-
MOSTLY	148	144	112	-

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